(d) as on date, how many PF arrears challenging the orders of the Statutory Authority are presently pending before various courts in case of ITDC management and its units/departments etc.;

(e) details of each case, the amount involved, date of institution, number of the employees involved, the stage in which each case is presently pending;

(f) whether the labour/PF administration in the past has taken up with any of these issues with tourism Ministry/ ITDC top management, if so, when and what was the outcome;

(g) if answer to (f) is negative, what steps are being taken to give relief to workers in ITDC establishment where litigation is presently pending; and

(h) will Government solve this issue and, if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The sub-committee of the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Labour had 3 members namely, Late Shri Gaya Prasad Kori, Shri Ajoy Mukhopadhyay and Shri K. Ramamurthy, M.Ps. The sub-committee was required to study the problems regarding the ESI/EPF dues and suggest suitable remedial measures for expediting their recovery.

(c) The Committee submitted its report to the Government in June, 1994. The Committee recommended, inter-alia, for making non-payment of EPF/ ESI dues a non-bailable offence, non-payment of employer's share a criminal breach of trust, setting up of special police cells, speeding up the process of computerisation, strengthening of supervision in the exempted sector etc. The recommendations relating to setting up of special police cells, strengthening of supervision on the exempted establishments, computerisation etc. have been accepted and forwarded to the concerned authorities for implementation.

(d) to (h) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exit Policy

6805. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union labour Minister has recently come strongly against the exist policy as per the news item in the Hindustan Times dated the 25th April, 1995 entitled: "Sangma against Exit Policy"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) While addressing a meeting of workers organised by the Confederation of Industry on the occasion of their Centenary Conference, the Union Labour Minister stated that there would be no need for an Exit Policy, if the employers managed their labour with a transparent style of functioning, and that the workers also need not be afraid of any exit if they applied themselves to their wool skillfully.

Non-payment of contributions towards PF and ESI

6806. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the list of public sector undertakings where monthly wages and salaries are not being paid in time or regularly during the last one year;

(b) how many complaints have been received for such cases and what action has been taken by Government to prevent violation of Payment of Wages Act;

(c) the list of public sector undertakings where the statutory contributions towards PF and ESI have not been paid

during the last one year and the undertaking-wise dues payable by the Management; and

(d) what action is being taken against the above defaulting companies?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

मजदूरी की दरों में संशोधन करने के संबंध में मानदण्ड

6807. **श्री रामजी लाल:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने प्रशिक्षित, अकुशल मजदूरों तथा दिहाड़ी मजदूरों के लिए मजदूरी की दरों में संशोधन किया हैं ।

(ख) सरकार श्रम-बल बढ़ाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है; और

(ग) इस वर्ष "मई दिवस" के अवसर पर सरकार ने इनके लिए कौन-कौन सी योजनायें प्रारंभ की हैं ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) न्यूनतम मजदूरी अधिनियम, 1948 के अंतर्गत अनुसूचित, रोजगारों में मजदूरी को न्यूनतम दरों के निर्धारण/संशोधन हेतु केन्द्रीय और राज्य सरकारों दोनों ही अपने अपने कार्यक्षेत्र के अंतर्गत समुचित सरकारें हैं । केन्द्रीय सरकार, 40 अनुसूचित नियोजनों में मजदूरी की न्यूनतम दरों के निर्धारण और संशोधन हेतु जिम्मेदार है जो मुख्यत: निर्माण, कृषि, रेलवे और खनन क्षेत्रों से संबंधित हैं ।

केन्द्रीय सरकार ने कृषि के अनुसूचित नियोजनों की न्यूनतम मजदूरी में 12-8-92 को संशोधन किया था और खनन, निर्माण और रेलवे क्षेत्रों से संबंधित शेष 39 अनुसूचित नियोजनों में मजदूरी की न्यूनतम दरों में दिनांक 12-7-94 की अधिसूचना द्वारा संशोधन किया गया था ।

(ख) और (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Expert Committees on Labour problems

6808. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed many expert committees to examine various problems affecting labour and workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such expert committees appointed in 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) whether Government are satisfied on their functioning; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to modify such functioning of expert committees?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Labour has not appointed any Expert Committee. However, there are a number of Tripartite Committees constituted by this Ministry to review and to recommend on issues relevant to Labour.

Demand for Enhencement of bonus

6809. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers federation in the country have been demanding enhencement of bonus;

(b) if so, the steps taken to enhance the bonus;

(c) the date from which the now enhanced bonus would be paid to the workers; and

(d) what other measures are proposed to be taken to protect the interest of workers?